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April 10, 2008

**Via electronic filing**

Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 East Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 2X)  
New York Central Lines, LLC - Abandonment  
Exemption in Middlesex County, MA**

Dear Secretary Williams

Reference is hereby made to the letter, dated February 11, 2008 (the "Extension Request Letter"), from Mr. Paul D. Le Bleu, Town Administrator, on behalf of each of the Town of Holliston ("Holliston") and the Town of Sherborn ("Sherborn" and, together with Holliston, the "Towns"), to the Board requesting a one year extension of the NITU negotiating period with respect to the line in the above captioned matter (the "Extension Request"). Although the Extension Request Letter was not received by the Board until April 1, 2008 – which is past the NITU extension deadline of February 23, 2008, but prior to expiration of abandonment authority and any consummation of such abandonment authority – a review of the Extension Request Letter (and subsequent conversations with representatives of the Towns) indicates that the Extension Request Letter would have been received by the Board prior to February 23, 2008 if it was not sent inadvertently to the incorrect address. (A copy of the Extension Request Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A.)

This letter will confirm that CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT"), concurs with the Towns' extension request of one year (i.e., until February 23, 2009), as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Towns, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Towns.<sup>1</sup> As information regarding the status of these negotiations, the parties

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<sup>1</sup> Although the Extension Request exceeds the 180-day extension period typically granted by the Board when an extension is justified, CSXT will accept a one year extension should the

have procured the services of a third party appraiser to review and analyze the appraisals previously obtained by each of CSXT and the Towns in the hopes of reaching a final agreement

Accordingly, CSXT concurs with the Extension Request and also respectfully requests an extension of the consummation date for abandonment of the line to April 24, 2009

CSXT is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance and please feel free to contact me via phone or email if you have any questions

Very truly yours,

  
Steven C. Armbrust

cc Parties of Record

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Board deem it permissible. In addition, the Towns appear to have inadvertently calculated the one year anniversary of the present NITU expiration date to be February 28, 2009 – as opposed to February 23, 2009. Although CSXT would accept either date as the new NITU negotiating deadline, CSXT respectfully suggests setting the date to February 23, 2009 to avoid confusion in the future.

Exhibit A

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February 11, 2008

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Re: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 2X), New York Central Lines, LLC-Abandonment  
Exemption-in Middlesex County, MA  
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 594X), CSX Transportation, Inc.-Discontinuation of Service  
Exemption-in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to convey the Town of Sherborn and the Town of Holliston's request for and support of a one-year extension of time in the above-referenced proceedings to February 28, 2009, to allow completion of the negotiation process among CSXT and the towns of Holliston and Sherborn for trail use of the approximately 4.17 miles of railroad between milepost QBH-2.60 near Sherborn and milepost QBH-6.77 near Holliston.

We also want to confirm our continued interest in establishing a trail use for the property proposed for abandonment and express our willingness to negotiate with CSXT and the Town of Sherborn.

Very truly yours,

Paul D. Le Beau  
Town Administrator

cc: CSX  
Town of Sherborn  
Holliston Trails Committee